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Dear Senator Dole:

I am replying on President Reagan's behalf to your letter of December 4 about Raoul Wallenberg.

As you know, we have been deeply concerned about the fate of Mr. Wallenberg for some time. Our interest in his case has, if anything, intensified recently. In the last several months, we have raised his name with representatives of the Soviet government several times; most recently during the General Secretary's visit to Washington. To date, we have not received a satisfactory reply from the Soviets.

As President Reagan said in a statement commemorating the fortieth anniversary of Mr. Wallenberg's disappearance, we believe that the Soviet Union "has a moral obligation to answer the questions we have about his fate." Although the Soviets have not yet responded satisfactorily to our inquiries on Mr. Wallenberg's behalf, we will continue to press them, both in our bilateral meetings and at international forums such as the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. We will not forget Raoul Wallenberg. We will continue to employ every available means to work on his behalf.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable
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